

### **In the Claims**

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## CLAIMS

1. (Amended) An etchant gas composition, comprising:  
a carrier gas;  
 $C_4F_6$ ;  
 $CH_2F_2$ ; and  
a gas selected from the group consisting of  $CHF_3$ ,  $CF_4$ , and mixtures thereof.

Cancel claims 2 and 3.

4. The etchant gas composition according to Claim 1, wherein the carrier gas is selected from the group consisting of argon, helium, and xenon.

5. (Amended) The etchant gas composition according to Claim 1, wherein the carrier gas comprises argon.

6. (Amended) An etchant gas composition, consisting essentially of:  
a carrier gas;  
 $C_4F_6$ ;  
 $CH_2F_2$ ; and  
 $CHF_3$ .

Cancel claims 7 and 8.

9. The etchant gas composition according to Claim 6, wherein the carrier gas is selected from the group consisting of argon, helium, and xenon.

10. (Amended) The etchant gas composition according to Claim 6, wherein the carrier gas comprises argon.

11. (Amended) An etchant gas composition, consisting essentially of:  
a carrier gas;  
 $C_4F_6$ ;  
 $CH_2F_2$ ; and  
 $CF_4$ .

Cancel claims 12 and 13.

14. The etchant gas composition according to Claim 11, wherein the carrier gas is selected from the group consisting of argon, helium, and xenon.

15. (Amended) The etchant gas composition according to Claim 11, wherein the carrier gas comprises argon.

16. (Amended) An etchant gas composition, consisting essentially of:  
a carrier gas;  
 $C_4F_6$ ;  
 $CH_2F_2$ ;  
 $CHF_3$ ; and  
 $CF_4$ .

Cancel claims 17 and 18.

19. The etchant gas composition according to Claim 16, wherein the carrier gas is selected from the group consisting of argon, helium, and xenon.

20. (Amended) The etchant gas composition according to Claim 16, wherein the carrier gas comprises argon.

#### **New Claims**

Add new claim 65-74 as follows:

65. (Added) The etchant gas composition according to Claim 1 comprising  $O_2$ .

66. (Added) The etchant gas composition according to Claim 1 comprising CO.

67. (Added) The etchant gas composition according to Claim 1 wherein the carrier gas comprises helium.

68. (Added) The etchant gas composition according to Claim 6 wherein the carrier gas comprises helium.

69. (Added) The etchant gas composition according to Claim 11 wherein the carrier gas comprises helium.

70. (Added) The etchant gas composition according to Claim 16 wherein the carrier gas comprises helium.

71. (Added) The etchant gas composition according to Claim 1 wherein the carrier gas comprises xenon.

72. (Added) The etchant gas composition according to Claim 6 wherein the carrier gas comprises xenon.

73. (Added) The etchant gas composition according to Claim 11 wherein the carrier gas comprises xenon.

74. (Added) The etchant gas composition according to Claim 16 wherein the carrier gas comprises xenon.